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SUBJECT: PRESIDENT'S STATEMENT ON NEW U.S. BOYCOTT
LEGISLATION

1.
THE PRESIDENT MADE THE FOLLOWING REMARKS AT THE SIGNING OF
THE NEW BOYCOTT LEGISLATION ON JUNE 22 AT THE WHITE HOUSE:

QUOTE

FOR MANY MONTHS I HAVE SPOKEN STRONGLY ON THE NEED FOR
LEGISLATION TO OUTLAW SECONDARY AND TERTIARY BOYCOTTS AND
DISCRIMINATION AGAINST AMERICAN BUSINESSMEN ON RELIGIOUS
OR NATIONAL GROUNDS.

DURING THE CAMPAIGN I CALLED THIS A PROFOUND MORAL ISSUE
FROM WHICH WE SHOULD NOT SHRINK.

MY CONCERN ABOUT FOREIGN BOYCOTTS STEMMED, OF COURSE, FROM
OUR SPECIAL RELATIONSHIP WITH ISRAEL, AS WELL AS FROM THE
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ECONOMIC, MILITARY AND SECURITY NEEDS OF BOTH OUR COUNTRIES.
BUT THE ISSUE ALSO GOES TO THE VERY HEART OF FREE TRADE
AMONG ALL NATIONS.

I AM THEREFORE PARTICULARLY PLEASED TODAY TO SIGN INTO
LAW THE 1977 AMENDMENTS TO THE EXPORT ADMINISTRATION ACT,
WHICH WILL KEEP FOREIGN BOYCOTT PRACTICES FROM INTRUDING
DIRECTLY INTO AMERICAN COMMERCE.

THE NEW LAW DOES NOT THREATEN OR QUESTION THE SOVEREIGN
RIGHT OF ANY NATION TO REGULATE ITS OWN COMMERCE WITH OTHER
COUNTRIES, NOR IS IT DIRECTED TOWARD ANY PARTICULAR
COUNTRY. THE BILL SEEKS INSTEAD TO END THE DIVISIVE EFFECTS
ON AMERICAN LIFE OF FOREIGN BOYCOTTS AIMED AT JEWISH MEM-
BERS OF OUR SOCIETY.

IF WE ALLOW SUCH A PRECEDENT TO BECOME ESTABLISHED, WE
OPEN THE DOOR TO SIMILAR ACTION AGAINST ANY ETHNIC,
RELIGIOUS, OR RACIAL GROUP IN AMERICA.

THIS LEGISLATION OWES MUCH TO THE HARD WORK OF SENATORS
STEVENSON AND PROXMIRE, CONGRESSMEN ZABLOCKI, ROSENTHAL,

HAMILTON, BINGHAM, SOLARZ, WHALEN, THE CHAIRMAN OF THE SENATE FOREIGN AFFAIRS COMMITTEE -- FOREIGN RELATIONS COMMITTEE, AND TO MANY OTHERS.

IT OWES JUST AS MUCH TO THE PATIENT PERSEVERANCE OF THE BUSINESS ROUND TABLE, THE ANTI-DEFAMATION LEAGUE, THE AMERICAN JEWISH COMMITTEE, AND THE AMERICAN JEWISH CONGRESS, AS WELL AS OTHER GROUPS.

THE OPENNESS OF THEIR DISCUSSION AND OF THE DELICATE LEGISLATIVE PROCESS WHICH SHAPED THIS BILL HAS RECONFIRMED MY OWN BELIEF IN THE VALUE OF OPEN GOVERNMENT.

THIS COOPERATIVE EFFORT BETWEEN THE BUSINESS COMMUNITY, THE UNCLASSIFIED

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JEWISH LEADERS, THE CONGRESS AND THE EXECUTIVE BRANCH CAN SERVE AS A MODEL FOR WHAT CAN BE ACCOMPLISHED IN EVEN MORE DIFFICULT AREAS, WHEN REASONABLE PEOPLE AGREE TO SIT DOWN TOGETHER IN GOOD WILL AND GOOD FAITH.

I AM CONFIDENT THAT THE DIVISIVE ISSUES IN THE MIDDLE EAST, WHICH GIVE RISE TO CURRENT BOYCOTTS, CAN BE RESOLVED EQUALLY SATISFACTORILY THROUGH A SIMILAR PROCESS OF REASONABLE, PEACEFUL, COOPERATION.

MY ADMINISTRATION WILL NOW EFFECTIVELY ENFORCE THIS IMPORTANT LEGISLATION.

I WANT TO CONGRATULATE AGAIN ALL THE DISTINGUISHED AMERICANS IN THE CONGRESS AND OTHERWISE WHO ARE GATHERED AROUND ME FOR THIS CEREMONY AND TO EXPRESS MY CONFIDENCE THAT THE ENFORCEMENT OF THIS LEGISLATION WILL HELP TO LESSEN THE TENSIONS IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND HOPEFULLY LEAD TO A PERMANENT PEACE IN THAT TROUBLED REGION.

END QUOTE.

2. THE WHITE HOUSE STATEMENT ISSUED AT THE SIGNING IS VIRTUALLY THE SAME AS THE PRESIDENT'S REMARKS WITH TWO EXCEPTIONS:

---1. LAST PARAGRAPH OF REMARKS WAS NOT INCLUDED IN STATEMENT.

---2. STATEMENT CONTAINS THE FOLLOWING ADDITIONAL PARAGRAPH AFTER PARAGRAPH FOUR OF THE REMARKS:

-SPECIFICALLY, THIS LEGISLATION:
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--PROHIBITS RELIGIOUS OR ETHNIC DISCRIMINATION BY
AMERICAN COMPANIES ARISING OUT OF A FOREIGN BOYCOTT;

--PROHIBITS U.S. FIRMS FROM JOINING IN THE BOYCOTT OF A
FRIENDLY COUNTRY LIKE ISRAEL AS A CONDITION OF DOING
BUSINESS IN THE COUNTRY IMPOSING THE BOYCOTT;

--PROHIBITS FIRMS IN THE UNITED STATES FROM ACTING AS
ENFORCERS OF A FOREIGN BOYCOTT;

--PROHIBITS U.S. FIRMS FROM ANSWERING REQUESTS FOR
BOYCOTT-RELATED INFORMATION;

--PROHIBITS, AFTER A ONE-YEAR PERIOD, THE USE OF SO-CALLED
NEGATIVE CERTIFICATES OF ORIGIN.

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